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1. GRATEFUL THAT DEPT ALBE WORK OUT SOLUTION TO WEST INDIES SUGAR QUOTA PROBLEM (REFTEL). APPRECIATE TIME AND EFFORT DEVOTED BY ALL CONCERNED TO WHAT HERE AT LEAST WAS BECOMING POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC PROBLEM.

2. THIS MORNING'S GOVT-OWNED CHRONICLE REPORTED DEVELOPMENT UNDER FRONT PAGE BANNER HEADLINE "US INCREASES WI SUGAR QUOTA." STORY IS FACTUAL AND ACCURATE. WHILE IT NOTES NEW ALLOCATION FALLS FAR SHORT OF 200,000-TON QUOTA OF PAST (WHICH WILL STILL BE USED BY SOME OF OUR CRITICS), IT STATES FORTHRIGHTLY THAT THE 40,000 TONS "IS IN KEEPING WITH THE AMOUNT WHICH THE WI SUGAR ASSOCIATION HAS INFORMED THE STATE DEPARTMENT IT

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COULD SUPPLY DURING 1974."

3. STORY CUPLED WITH REUTERS REPORT FROM PORT-OF-SPAIN
ON INTERVIEW WITH SIR ROBERT KIRKWOOD, CHAIRMAN OF WISA, IN
WHICH HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN INDUSTRY IN 1975 AND
THEREAFTER. KIRWOOD QUOTED AS SAYING CARIBBEAN SUGAR FACED
ONE PROBLEM--PRODUCTION.

4. IT MAY BE TOO EARLY TO CONCLUDE THAT "ALL'S WELL THAT
ENDS WELL," BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT POLITICAL SNIPING AT
US WILL NOW ABATE. ENONOMIC CONSEQUENCES FOR REGION OF
SHARP DROP IN PRODUCTION WILL STAY WITH US, OF COURSE. KING

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